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**Preface**

*Information available  
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This reference aid, formatted as a weekly datebook for 1985, shows holidays and anniversary dates of historical events that are of known or potential significance for terrorists or for groups that engage in terrorism. It is intended to alert government analysts and policymakers concerned with terrorism to the potential for political violence as these dates approach.

Certain holidays and anniversaries hold special significance for some terrorist groups—especially those with an ethnic base. Such a group would be likely to time a terrorist operation to coincide with one of these dates.

Although significant dates have been included for almost every country, their citation is not intended to imply that terrorist attacks are to be expected on any of these dates. The dates are intended to serve as reference points should other information begin to accumulate indicating planning for organized violence.

Three types of dates are included:

- National holidays or important historical events.
- Dates of important terrorist attacks or counterterrorist successes.
- Dates known to be important to terrorists or insurgents, such as founding anniversaries, "martyrdoms," and trials.

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**December 1984–  
January 1985**

Terrorism is politically motivated, premeditated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine state agents. International terrorist acts involve the citizens or territory of more than one country.

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**31****Monday**

**Afghanistan** 1964 People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan founded  
**Nigeria** 1983 Coup overthrows Shagari regime  
**Philippines** 1968 Founding of Communist Party/Marxist-Leninist

**1****Tuesday**

**Cameroon** 1960 Independence Day  
**Cuba** 1959 Liberation Day (day Batista government fell)  
**Haiti** 1804 Independence Day  
**Palestinians** 1965 Palestinian revolution; founding of Fatah  
**Sudan** 1956 Independence Day (proclamation of republic)  
**Western Samoa** 1962 Independence Day

**2****Wednesday**

**Tunisia** 1984 Start of countrywide bread riots over removal of subsidies for bread and pasta

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Thursday

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4

Friday

Armenians	1984	Conviction of US citizen of Armenian descent for assassinating Turkish Consul General in Los Angeles on 28 January 1982
Burma	1948	Independence Day
	1974	Constitution of socialist republic adopted

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Saturday

Laos	1956	Founding of Lao Patriotic Front
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Sunday

## January 1985

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7

Monday

Cambodia

1979

Vietnamese invasion overthrows Khmer Rouge regime of Pol Pot

8

Tuesday

South Africa

1912

Founding of African National Congress (ANC)

9

Wednesday

Panama

1964

Martyrs' Day (day of mourning commemorating anti-US riots)

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**10**

**Thursday**

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**11**

**Friday**

<b>Albania</b>	1946	Proclamation of republic
<b>Yugoslavia</b>	1984	Suicide of two ethnic Albanian irredentists in Pristina, Kosovo, to avoid arrest

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**12**

**Saturday**

<b>Tanzania</b>	1964	Zanzibar Revolution Day (people's republic established)
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**13**

**Sunday**

<b>Ghana</b>	1972	National Redemption Day (anniversary of coup)
<b>Togo</b>	1967	Liberation Day (military coup)

**January 1985**

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**14****Monday****15****Tuesday**

**Egypt** 1918      **Birthday of Jamal 'Abd al-Nasir**  
**Ireland** 1922      **Founding of Irish Free State**

**16****Wednesday**

**Benin** 1977      **Liberation Day; Martyrs' Day (repulsion of invasion by mercenary troops from Gabon)**  
**Iran** 1979      **Shah-Burning Day (departure of Shah from Iran)**

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**17**

**Thursday**

**Colombia**

**1974**

**Nineteenth of April Movement (M-19) steals sword of Simon Bolivar from Bogota Museum**

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**18**

**Friday**

**Egypt, Israel**

**1974**

**Disengagement Agreement**

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**19**

**Saturday**

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**20**

**Sunday**

**Guinea-Bissau**

**1973**

**National Heroes' Day (commemorating assassination of Amilcar Cabral, founder of ruling party—PAIGC)**

**Iran**

**1981**

**US Embassy hostages released**

**United States**

**1985**

**Presidential Inauguration Day**

**January 1985**

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**21****Monday**

United States 1985 Public celebration of presidential inauguration

**22****Tuesday**

Iran	1946	Kurdish Republic Day
Kurdish regions	1945	Qazi Muhammed uprising
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	1498	Discovery Day
Ukraine	1918	Independence Day

**23****Wednesday**

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**24**

**Thursday**

**Romania**

**1859**

**Union Day**

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**25**

**Friday**

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**26**

**Saturday**

**India**

**1950**

**Republic Day**

**Romania**

**1918**

**Birthday of President Ceausescu**

**Tunisia**

**1978**

**Black Thursday (anniversary of labor riots)**

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**Sunday**

**January-  
February 1985**

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**28****Monday**

Australia 1788 Australia Day  
 Cuba 1853 Birthday of Jose Marti  
 Italy 1982 Freeing of Red Brigades' captive US Army Brigadier General Dozier  
 Rwanda 1961 Proclamation of the republic

**29****Tuesday****30****Wednesday**

West Germany 1933 Accession to power by Nazi Party  
 Northern Ireland 1972 Bloody Sunday (13 killed and 16 wounded during demonstration in Derry)

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**31**

**Thursday**

<b>Guatemala</b>	1980	The People's Front of 31 January (FP-31), a front organization of the Guerrilla Army of the Poor (EGP), takes its name from this date, on which some of its members occupied the Spanish Embassy
<b>Nauru</b>	1968	Independence Day

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**1**

**Friday**

<b>Iran</b>	1979	Return of Ayatollah Khomeini to Iran from exile in Paris
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**Saturday**

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**Sunday**

**February 1985**

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**4****Monday**

**Angola** 1961 Beginning of armed struggle against Portugal  
**Sri Lanka** 1948 Independence Day

**5****Tuesday**

**Burma** 1960 Kachin Independence Army (KIA) Revolution Day  
**Colombia** 1958 Founding of National Liberation Army (ELN)

**6****Wednesday**

**Lebanon** 1984 Fall of West Beirut to Muslim militias  
**Pakistan** 1981 Founding of Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD)

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Thursday

Grenada

1974

Independence Day

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Saturday

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Sunday

**February 1985**

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**11****Monday**

Iran 1979 Revolution Day; "Eleventh Dawn" (the 11th day of the revolution is considered the day of victory over the old regime)

Italy, Vatican City 1929 Lateran Treaty signed (governs relationship between Italy (and Vatican City)

Japan National Foundation Day

**12****Tuesday**

Burma 1947 Union Day

**13****Wednesday**

Cyprus 1975 Declaration of establishment of Turkish Federated State of Cyprus

Zaire 1961 Death of Patrice Lumumba

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**14**

**Thursday**

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**15**

**Friday**

**Colombia**

**1966**

**Death of National Liberation Army (ELN) guerrilla leader and priest Camilo Torres**

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**16**

**Saturday**

**Lithuanian SSR**

**1918**

**Independence Day**

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**17**

**Sunday**

**Vietnam**

**1979**

**Invasion by Chinese troops**

**February 1985**

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**18****Monday**

The Gambia 1965 Independence Day

**19****Tuesday**

Egypt, Israel	1980	Exchange of ambassadors
Nepal	1952	King Tribhuan Memorial Day
Poland	1947	People's republic established

**20****Wednesday**

Burma	Karen New Year
Chinese world	Lunar New Year (beginning of Chinese year 4683, Year of the Ox)

**21**

**Thursday**

**22**

**Friday**

<b>Qatar</b>	1972	Coup d'etat that brought Shaikh Khalifa bin Hamad al-Thani to power
<b>Romania</b>	1948	Founding of Romanian Workers' Party
<b>St. Lucia</b>	1979	Independence Day

**23**

**Saturday**

<b>Brunei</b>	1984	National Day
<b>Guyana</b>	1970	Republic Day

**24**

**Sunday**

<b>Czechoslovakia</b>	1948	First Communist government
<b>Ghana</b>	1966	Liberation Day (overthrow of Nkrumah)

**February-  
March**

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**25****Monday**

**Kuwait** 1948 Independence Day  
**Pakistan** 1985 National Assembly elections scheduled  
**Suriname** 1980 Day of Liberation and Renewal

**26****Tuesday****27****Wednesday**

**Armenians** 1984 Death of terrorist Gouger Migirdic Yanikian of Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA)  
**Dominican Republic** 1844 Independence Day  
**Western Sahara** 1976 Anniversary of the Saharan Democratic Arab Republic (Polisario government-in-exile)

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**28**

**Thursday**

**El Salvador**

1977

Founding of the Popular League of 28 February (LP-28), commemorating the killing by security forces of leftists demonstrating in San Salvador against alleged election fraud

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**1**

**Friday**

**Bulgaria**

1878

Independence Day

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**2**

**Saturday**

**El Salvador**

1972

Founding of People's Revolutionary Army (ERP)

**Libya**

1977

Establishment of Jamahiriya (Masses' State)

**Morocco**

1956

Independence Day (termination of Treaty of Fez)

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**3**

**Sunday**

**Morocco**

1961

Accession of King Hassan to throne

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**March 1985**

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Colombia

1982

Effective date of United States-Colombia extradition treaty

**Monday**

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**5**

**Tuesday**

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Ghana

1957

Independence Day

Kurdish regions

1975

Algerian Accord between Iran and Iraq abandoning support of the Kurds

**Wednesday**

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Thursday

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Saturday

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Sunday

Kurdish regions

1979

Death of Kurdish leader Mulla Mustafa Barzani

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**March 1985**

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**11**

**Monday**

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**12**

**Tuesday**

**Mauritius** 1968 Independence Day  
**Turkey** 1880 Birthday of Ataturk

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**13**

**Wednesday**

**Grenada** 1979 Coup d'etat by Maurice Bishop

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**14**

**Thursday**

**Japan**

**1975**

**Chukaku-ha (Nucleus Faction) Secretary General Honda assassinated by rival radical groups**

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**15**

**Friday**

**Angola**

**1962**

**Founding of National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA)**

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**16**

**Saturday**

**Armenians**

**1921**

**Signing of Soviet-Turkish border treaty that ended Armenian hopes of establishing a separate independent state**

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**17**

**Sunday**

**Ireland**

**St. Patrick's Day (Ireland's national day)**

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**18**

**Monday**

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**19**

**Tuesday**

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**20**

**Wednesday**

Colombia                    1981                    Death of M-19 terrorist Carmenza Londono ("La Chiqui")  
Tunisia                    1956                    Independence Day

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**21** Thursday

Kurdish regions		Kurdish New Year
Palestinians		"International Day of Solidarity With the Struggle of the Arab People of Palestine Against Israeli Aggressors"
South Africa	1960	"Sharpeville Massacre" of black demonstrators by security forces

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**22** Friday

Arab League	1945	Founding of Arab League (original members: Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Saudi Arabia, and Syria)
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**23** Saturday

Pakistan	1956	Pakistan Day (founding of Islamic Republic of Pakistan)
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**24** Sunday

Argentina	1976	President Isabel Peron ousted by Gen. Jorge Rafael Videla
El Salvador	1980	Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero assassinated by rightists
Northern Ireland	1972	Beginning of direct rule by the British Government

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**25****Monday**

El Salvador 1980 US Embassy attacked by Popular Liberation Forces (FPL) in response to assassination of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero the previous day; since then, FPL attacks have in general been more frequent between 25 March and 6 April than during rest of year

Greece 1821 Greek Revolution Memorial Day (celebrating beginning of independence from Turkey)

Iraq 1932 Independence Day

Saudi Arabia 1975 Assassination of King Faisal and accession of King Khalid

**26****Tuesday**

Bangladesh 1971 Independence Day

Egypt, Israel 1978 Peace agreement ratified

**27****Wednesday**

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**28****Thursday**

El Salvador	1980	Government expropriates plantations; Salvation Movement of 28 March (MS-28) takes its name from this event
Italy	1980	Four members of Red Brigades die in shootout with Carabinieri in Genoa
Libya	1970	UK Evacuation Day (day British forces turned over bases and departed)
Palestinians		National Day

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**29****Friday**

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**30****Saturday**

Palestinians	1976	Day of the Homeland
Turkey	1974	Death of terrorist Mahir Cayan, member of Turkish People's Liberation Party

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**31****Sunday**

Brazil	1964	President Goulart ousted by military coup
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**April 1985**

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**1****Monday**

**Armenians** The month of April is dedicated by Armenian groups to the memory of the massacre of Armenians by Turks during 1915-18

**Cyprus** 1955 EOKA (National Organization of the Cypriot Struggle) Day (beginning of guerrilla struggle for Greek Cypriot independence)

**El Salvador** 1970 Founding of Popular Liberation Forces (FPL)  
1980 US Cultural Center in San Salvador bombed and strafed by FPL  
1981 Rocket and gun attack on US Embassy by FPL

**2****Tuesday**

**Argentina, United Kingdom** 1982 Argentina invades Falklands; 2 April  
Command takes its name from this event

**Iran** 1979 Islamic Republic Day

**3****Wednesday**

**Guinea** 1984 Coup d'etat

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4

Thursday

Hungary	1945	Liberation Day
NATO	1950	NATO established
Pakistan	1979	Zulfikar Ali Bhutto executed; the Pakistani terrorist group Al-Zulfikar is named for him
Senegal	1960	Independence Day
Syria	1947	Founding of Ba'th Party

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5

Friday

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6

Saturday

Jewish world		<i>Pesach</i> (first day of Passover)
Philippines	1978	Anti-Marcos demonstration; the terrorist group April 6 Liberation Movement takes its name from this event
Thailand		Chakri Day (founding of Thai royal dynasty)

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7

Sunday

Christian world		Easter Sunday
Ireland	1916	Beginning of insurrection that led to independence
Libya	1976	Student revolution
Yugoslavia	1963	Republic Day (adoption of current constitution)

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April 1985

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Monday

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9

Tuesday

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10

Wednesday

Israel, Lebanon	1973	Israeli raid on Beirut
Yugoslavia	1941	Proclamation of Croatian independence

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**11****Thursday****Uganda** 1979 **Liberation Day (fall of Idi Amin)**

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**12****Friday****Liberia** 1980 **National Redemption Day (celebrates coup overthrowing Tolbert government)**

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**13****Saturday**

<b>International</b>	Solar New Year (Buddhist, Chinese, Southeast Asian, Hindu, Sikh, Sinhalese, and Tamil cultures)	
<b>Jewish world</b>	Last day of Passover	
<b>Lebanon</b>	1975	Phalange militiamen attack bus, triggering Lebanese Civil War

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**14****Sunday**

<b>Orthodox Greeks</b>	Easter Sunday	
<b>Hungary</b>	1849	Independence Day
<b>Latin America</b>	1890	Pan-American Day (first international conference of American states)
<b>Niger</b>	1974	Accession of President Kountche
<b>Spain</b>	1931	Founding of Second Republic
<b>Togo</b>	1967	Assumption of presidency by Gen. Gnassingbe Eyadema

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**15****Monday**

**Ireland** 1916 Easter Uprising  
**North Korea** 1912 Birthday of Kim Il Sung

**16****Tuesday**

**Jerusalem, West Bank** Palestinian Prisoners' Day

**17****Wednesday**

**Cambodia** 1975 Liberation Day (Khmer Rouge victory)  
**Cuba** 1961 Air Defense Day (Air Force success against Bay of Pigs invaders)  
**Libya, United Kingdom** 1984 Libyan radicals fire on protesters outside People's Bureau in London, killing a police-woman and wounding 11 others; start of siege by British security forces  
**Syria** 1946 Independence Day

**18****Thursday**

Ireland	1949	Inauguration of the republic
Israel		Commemoration of the Holocaust
Lebanon	1983	US Embassy bombed by Islamic Jihad
Panama, United States	1978	US ratification of Panama Canal Treaty
Zimbabwe	1980	Independence Day

**19****Friday**

Colombia	1970	On this day the populist National Popular Alliance (ANAPO) does poorly in national elections. Three years later, ANAPO extremists found the 19th of April Movement (M-19) to try to take by force what they could not gain by ballot
Cuba	1961	Day of Victory at Playa Giron (Bay of Pigs)
Namibia	1960	Founding of South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO)
Sierra Leone	1971	Proclamation of the republic

South Korea      1960      Unrest triggered by student uprising forces President Syngman Rhee to resign and leave the country. Usually commemorated by student demonstrations

**20****Saturday****21****Sunday**

Greece	1967	National Resistance Day (anniversary of military coup)
Haiti	1971	Jean Claude Duvalier installed as president for life upon death of his father, Francois Duvalier

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**22**

**Monday**

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**23**

**Tuesday**

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**24**

**Wednesday**

Armenians	1915	National Day of Sorrow (commemorating Turkish massacre)
Dominican Republic	1965	Beginning of civil war
The Gambia	1970	Republic Day

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**25****Thursday**

<b>Egypt, Israel</b>	1982	Sinai Day (Israeli withdrawal)
<b>Italy</b>	1945	Liberation Day
<b>Portugal</b>	1974	Revolution Day; Liberty Day (celebrates military coup that overthrew rightist government and paved the way for democratically elected government). Leftwing terrorist group Popular Forces of 25 April (FP-25) takes its name from this date
<b>Swaziland</b>	1967	Kingdom constituted

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**26****Friday**

<b>Jordan</b>	1949	Transjordan becomes Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
<b>Tanzania</b>	1964	United Republic of Tanzania formed through union of Republic of Tanganyika and People's Republic of Zanzibar

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**27****Saturday**

<b>Afghanistan</b>	1978	Conservative Daoud regime ousted by leftwing coup
<b>Austria</b>	1945	Second Republic established
<b>Sierra Leone</b>	1961	Independence Day
<b>Togo</b>	1960	Independence Day

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**28****Sunday**

<b>Colombia</b>	1983	Death in plane crash of M-19 leader Jaime Bateman
<b>Dominican Republic</b>	1965	US military intervention
<b>Iraq</b>	1937	Birthday of Saddam Hussein

**April-  
May 1985**

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**29**

**Monday**

**Colombia** 1967 Founding of People's Liberation Army (EPL)

**30**

**Tuesday**

**Guatemala** 1981 Bombing of storage tank of US oil company in Guatemala City by FP-31  
1982 Bombing of US fast-food restaurant in Guatemala City by FP-31  
**United Kingdom** 1980 Iranian Embassy seized by radicals; hostages eventually rescued by Special Air Service team  
**Vietnam** 1975 North Vietnamese capture Saigon

**1**

**Wednesday**

**El Salvador** The first week of May contains several dates of import to leftwing and rightwing elements; consequently, political violence tends to peak during this period  
**Peru** 1980 Destruction of electoral material in Chuschi, Cangallo Province, marks beginning of armed struggle by Sendero Luminoso; anniversary is commemorated throughout May  
**Socialist world** May Day

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**2** Thursday

<b>Argentina, United Kingdom</b>	1982	Argentine cruiser Belgrano sunk by British naval forces in Falklands war
<b>Jordan</b>	1953	King Hussein assumes constitutional power

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**3** Friday

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**4** Saturday

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**5** Sunday

<b>Ethiopia</b>	1941	Liberation Day
<b>Netherlands</b>	1945	Liberation Day
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	1981	Death of Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) member Bobby Sands in hunger strike
<b>Paraguay</b>	1954	Coup against elected government of President Federico Chavez by Gen. Alfredo Stroessner Mattiuda
<b>West Germany</b>	1955	West Germany becomes member of NATO

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**May 1985**

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**6****Monday**

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**7****Tuesday**

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**8****Wednesday**

Czechoslovakia	1945	Liberation Day
East Germany	1945	Liberation Day
El Salvador	1979	Police fire into crowd on steps of San Salvador cathedral who are demonstrating solidarity with leftwing activists that had occupied French and Costa Rican Embassies on 4 May; at least 25 demonstrators are killed
Libya	1984	Armed dissidents attack Qadhafi's Aziziyah barracks
West Germany	1945	Capitulation of Third Reich

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**9** Thursday

Albania	1945	Victory Day
Poland	1945	Victory Day
Romania	1881	Independence Day
USSR	1945	Victory Day
West Germany	1976	Suicide in prison of Ulrike Meinhof, founding member of Red Army Faction (RAF)
Yugoslavia	1945	Victory Day

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**10** Friday

Jordan	Arab Resistance Day
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**11** Saturday

Chile	1983	Anti-Pinochet protests put down forcefully by government
	1984	Wave of bombings against government targets

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**12** Sunday

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**May 1985**

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**13****Monday**

Vatican City                    1981                    Attempt on life of Pope John Paul II by Mehmet Ali Agca

**14****Tuesday**

Israel	1948	Republic Day (declaration of independence)
Middle East	1948	Beginning of first Arab-Israeli War
Paraguay	1811	Independence Day

**15****Wednesday**

Palestinians	1948	Palestine Day (end of UN mandate); 15 May Organization, founded in 1979 by remnant of Special Operations Group of Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), takes its name from this event
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Thursday

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17

Friday

Norway 1814 Constitution Day (independence day)

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Saturday

Northern Ireland 1981 Death of Provisional IRA hunger striker Raymond McCreesh  
Peru 1980 Beginning of Sendero Luminoso armed struggle  
South Korea 1980 Civilian uprising in Kwangju against military rule. Usually marked by student demonstrations

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Sunday

Cuba 1895 Death of Jose Marti  
Vietnam Ho Chi Minh's birthday

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**20****Monday**

Cameroon 1972 Declaration of republic  
 Saudi Arabia 1927 Independence Day  
 Western Sahara 1973 Polisario begins armed struggle

**21****Tuesday**

Muslim world *Ramadan* (month of fasting) begins

**22****Wednesday**

Sri Lanka 1972 Republic Day

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**23****Thursday**

<b>China</b>	1951	Tibet declared to be under Chinese sovereignty
<b>West Germany</b>	1949	Proclamation of federal republic

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**24****Friday**

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**25****Saturday**

<b>Africa</b>	1963	African Freedom Day; Day of Africa (founding of Organization of African Unity)
<b>Argentina</b>	1810	Beginning of revolution against Spain
<b>Bermuda</b>	1967	Bermuda Day (Constitution adopted)
<b>Colombia</b>	1965	Founding of Communist Party of Colombia/Marxist-Leninist (PCC/ML), the now-defunct parent organization of the terrorist group People's Liberation Army (EPL)
<b>Jordan</b>	1923	Independence Day
	1946	Constitutional monarchy established
<b>Sudan</b>	1969	May Revolution (coup by General Nimeiri and Revolutionary Council)
<b>Yugoslavia</b>	1892	Birthday of Josip Broz Tito

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**26****Sunday**

<b>Guyana</b>	1966	Independence Day
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**27**

Buddhist world

Birthday of Gautama Buddha

**Monday**

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**28**

France, French Caribbean 1983

Caribbean Revolutionary Alliance (ARC) surfaces with 17 coordinated bombings

**Tuesday**

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**29**

**Wednesday**

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**30** Thursday

Afghanistan	1919	Independence from Great Britain achieved
Bangladesh	1981	Assassination of Ziaur Rahman
Dominican Republic	1961	Liberty Day (assassination of Gen. Raphael Trujillo)
Israel	1972	Massacre at Lod Airport by members of Japanese Red Army
Nigeria	1967	Declaration of Independence by Biafra

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**31** Friday

South Africa	1910	Union Day (four provinces merged to form Union of South Africa)
	1961	Proclamation of republic

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**1** Saturday

Cameroon	1972	Proclamation of republic
Greece	1973	Proclamation of republic
Kenya	1963	Madaraka Day (beginning of self-government)
Palestinians	1976	During this month, Syria entered the civil conflict in Lebanon on the side of the Christian Phalange and against the Palestinians and their Muslim allies; in response, Palestinian renegade Abu Nidal renamed his terrorist group (then based in Iraq) the Black June Organization and began attacking Syrian targets

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**2** Sunday

Italy	1946	Date of referendum in which Italian voters chose republican form of government
West Germany	1967	Leftist student Benno Ohnesorg killed during demonstration in West Berlin. The terrorist group 2 June Movement (remnants of which eventually joined the Red Army Faction—RAF) takes its name from this incident

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**June 1985**

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**3****Monday**

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**4****Tuesday**

**Ghana** 1979 Jerry Rawlings takes power for the first time  
**Israel, Lebanon** 1982 First Israeli bombing of Beirut  
**Tonga** 1970 Independence Day

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**5****Wednesday**

**Egypt** 1975 Reopening of Suez Canal  
**Honduras** 1965 Constitutional republic reestablished  
**Middle East** 1967 Beginning of Six-Day War  
**Seychelles** 1977 Liberation Day (overthrow of President Mancham by Albert Rene)

**6**

**Thursday**

India	1984	Army storms Sikh Golden Temple in Amritsar
Israel, Lebanon	1982	Israeli forces invade Lebanon

**7**

**Friday**

Chad	1982	Hissene Habre seizes N'djamena
Greece	1975	Republican constitution adopted

**8**

**Saturday**

Palestinians	1967	Founding of Palestinian terrorist group Sa'iq (Thunderbolt)
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**9**

**Sunday**

Oman	1965	Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman (PFLO) begins armed struggle
South Africa	1983	Three African National Congress (ANC) terrorists hanged
Sudan	1969	Proclamation of southern autonomy

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**10****Monday**

**Argentina** 1829 Malvinas Day (date from which Argentina claims sovereignty over Falklands)

**Portugal** Portugal Day

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**11****Tuesday**

**Libya** 1970 Evacuation Day (transfer of US bases)

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**12****Wednesday**

**Hungary** 1948 Founding of Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party

**Philippines** 1898 Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

**13****Thursday**

North Yemen	1974	Coup by Col. Ibrahim al-Hamidi (accession of Second Corrective Movement)
Saudi Arabia	1982	Death of King Khalid and accession of King Fahd

**14****Friday**

Argentina, United Kingdom	1982	Argentine surrender ends Falklands conflict
El Salvador	1975	Founding of Armed Forces of National Resistance (FARN)

**15****Saturday**

El Salvador	1979	Communist Party, under Soviet and Cuban pressure, adopts policy of armed struggle; its fighting elements are called Armed Forces of Liberation (FAL)
Japan, United States	1960	Signing of Japan-United States Security Treaty. Violent protests by leftist opponents of the treaty were common on this date through the 1960s
Nicaragua	1979	Somoza regime National Guard kills 185 insurrectionists near US Embassy

**16****Sunday**

South Africa	1976	Riots in Soweto
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**17****Monday**

France 1983 Mysterious disappearance of Corsican separatist leader Guy Orsoni

East and West Germany 1953 Berlin uprising

Iceland 1944 Independence Day (anniversary of establishment of republic)

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**18****Tuesday**

Egypt 1953 Evacuation Day (anniversary of proclamation of republic)

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**19****Wednesday**

Algeria 1965 Revolutionary Recovery Day (overthrow of Ahmed Ben Bella)

Kuwait 1961 Independence Day

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**20**

**Muslim world**

*Id al-Fitr (end of Ramadan)*

**Thursday**

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**21**

**Friday**

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**22**

**South Yemen**

1969

Coup by National Liberation Front

**Saturday**

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**23**

**Luxembourg**

National Day

**Sunday**

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**June 1985**

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**24****Spain****King's Day****Monday**

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**25****North and South Korea**

1950

North Korea invades South Korea, beginning Korean war

**Mozambique**1964  
1975Founding of the Front for the Liberation of Mozambique (FRELIMO)  
Independence Day**Tuesday**

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**26****Madagascar**

1960

Independence Day

**Somalia**

1960

Independence Day (northern region)

**Wednesday**

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**27**

**Djibouti**

**1977**

**Independence Day**

**Thursday**

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**28**

**Friday**

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**29**

**Seychelles**

**1976**

**Independence Day**

**Saturday**

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**Zaire**

**1960**

**Independence Day**

**Sunday**

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**July 1985**

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**1****Monday**

<b>Argentina</b>	1974	Death of President Juan Peron
<b>Burundi, Rwanda</b>	1962	Independence Day
<b>Canada</b>	1867	Dominion Day
<b>Ghana</b>	1960	Republic Day
<b>Peru</b>		Since 1980, for unknown reasons, Sendero Luminoso terrorists have attacked foreign targets during July at a rate roughly triple that of the rest of the year
<b>Somalia</b>	1960	Republic Day; Independence Day (southern region)

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**2****Tuesday**

<b>Vietnam</b>	1976	Unification of North and South Vietnam into Socialist Republic of Vietnam
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**3****Wednesday**

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**4****Thursday**

<b>Israel, Uganda, Palestinians</b>	1976	Israeli raid on airport at Entebbe frees hostages from PFLP skyjackers
<b>Philippines</b>	1946	Republic Day (date on which Philippines became independent republic)
<b>United States</b>	1776	Independence Day

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**5****Friday**

<b>Algeria</b>	1962	Independence Day
<b>Cape Verde</b>	1975	Independence Day
<b>Pakistan</b>	1977	Coup by Gen. Zia Ul-Haq (over-throwing the regime of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto)
<b>Rwanda</b>	1973	Coup by Maj. Gen. Juvenal Habyarimana inaugurates Second Republic
<b>Venezuela</b>	1811	Independence Day

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**6****Saturday**

<b>Comoros</b>	1975	Declaration of Independence
<b>Malawi</b>	1964	Independence Day
	1966	Republic Day

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**7****Sunday**

<b>Equatorial Guinea</b>	1973	National Day (based on constitution that granted virtually unlimited powers to President Macie; constitution was abrogated when he was overthrown by his nephew, Colonel Obiang)
<b>Solomon Islands</b>	1978	Independence Day
<b>Yugoslavia</b>		Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Serbia)

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**July 1985**

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**8**

**Monday**

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**9**

**Tuesday**

**Argentina** 1816 Independence Day  
**Morocco** 1929 Birthday of King Hassan II

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**10**

**Wednesday**

**The Bahamas** 1973 Independence Day  
**Mauritania** 1978 Armed Forces Day (commemorates military coup)

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**11**

**Thursday**

**Mongolia** 1921 Revolution Day (celebrates independence from China)

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**12**

**Friday**

**Kiribati** 1979 Independence Day  
**Northern Ireland** 1690 Orangemen's Day (Protestants march to commemorate victory in Battle of the Boyne)  
**Sao Tome and Principe** 1975 Independence Day

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**13**

**Saturday**

**Yugoslavia** Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Montenegro)

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**14**

**Sunday**

**France** 1789 Bastille Day  
**Iraq** 1958 Republic Day (Army coup d'etat that overthrew monarchy and established republic)

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**15****Monday**

**Cyprus** 1974 Coup by Greek Army officers

**Italy** 1983 Four members of Italian counterterrorist team convicted of mistreating Red Brigades prisoners captured during rescue of General Dozier

**16****Tuesday****17****Wednesday**

**Afghanistan** 1973 Republic Day (date Muhammad Daoud led military coup overthrowing his cousin King Zahir Shah and establishing republic)

**Colombia** 1930 Founding of Communist Party

**Iraq** 1968 Revolution Day (Ba'th Party coup)

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**18****Thursday**

<b>Spain</b>	1936	Uprising Day (beginning of civil war); Generalissimo Franco's Day
<b>Uruguay</b>	1830	Proclamation of republic

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**19****Friday**

<b>Nicaragua</b>	1979	Sandinista provisional Junta of National Reconstruction assumes office
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**20****Saturday**

<b>Colombia</b>	1810	Independence Day
<b>Cyprus</b>	1974	Turkish Cypriot Peace and Freedom Day (commemorates intervention by Turkish forces)
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	1983	Sinhalese backlash sparked by terrorist acts of extremist Tamil separatists leaves hundreds of Tamils dead and thousands homeless

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**21****Sunday**

<b>Belgium</b>	1831	Independence Day
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	1972	Bloody Friday—20 Provisional IRA bombings in Belfast kill 11 and injure 120

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**July 1985**

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**22****Monday**

**Poland** 1944 Liberation Day  
1952 People's republic established

**Sudan** 1971 Countercoup ousts Communists and restores Nimeiri as head of government

**Yugoslavia** Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Slovenia)

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**23****Tuesday**

**Egypt, Libya** 1952 Military coup ousts King Farouk

**Greece** 1974 Resignation of military junta; return of government to civilian rule

**Oman** 1970 Accession Day of Sultan Qaboos

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**24****Wednesday**

**Ecuador, Venezuela** 1783 Birthday of Simon Bolivar

**25** **Thursday**

Netherlands	1648	Independence Day
Sri Lanka	1983	Killing of Tamil prisoners in Colombo's Welikade jail exacerbates communal hatred
Tunisia	1957	Proclamation of republic

**26** **Friday**

Argentina	1952	Death of Eva Peron
Cuba	1953	Day of National Rebellion (attack on Moncada Barracks by 26th of July Movement)
Egypt	1956	Nationalization of Suez Canal
Liberia	1847	Independence Day
Maldives		Independence Day

**27** **Saturday**

Austria	1955	Restoration of sovereignty under postwar Four Powers' Agreement
North Korea	1953	Korean Victory Day (date of armistice)
Yugoslavia		Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republics of Croatia and Bosnia)

**28** **Sunday**

Peru	1821	Independence Day
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July-  
August 1985

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## Monday

<b>Nigeria</b>	1966	Coup d'etat by Col. Yakubu Gowon overthrows military government of Major General Aguiyi-Ironsi and establishes Federal Military Government
	1975	Coup d'etat by Brig. Murtala Ramat Muhammad overthrows General Gowon and establishes Federal Executive Council

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**Tuesday**

**Vanuatu** 1980 Independence Day

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## Wednesday

<b>Spain, France</b>		St. Ignatius' Day (patron saint of Basques) Founding of Basque Fatherland and Freedom (ETA)
	1969	

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**1** **Thursday**

<b>Benin</b>	1960	Independence Day
<b>Switzerland</b>	1291	Independence Day

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**2** **Friday**

<b>Italy</b>	1980	Bologna train station bombed; neofascist Armed Revolutionary Nuclei believed responsible
<b>Vietnam</b>	1964	Gulf of Tonkin incident
<b>Yugoslavia</b>	1903	Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Macedonia)

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**3** **Saturday**

<b>Burkina</b>	1983	Coup overthrowing previous military regime (led to 1984 renaming of Upper Volta)
<b>Cyprus</b>	1977	Death of President Makarios
<b>Equatorial Guinea</b>	1979	Coup d'etat (Macias regime overthrown)
	1980	National Day
<b>Niger</b>	1960	Independence Day
<b>Tunisia</b>	1903	President Bourguiba's birthday

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**4** **Sunday**

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**August 1985**

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**5** Monday

**The Bahamas, Grenada, Jamaica** 1962 Emancipation Day (independence from United Kingdom)

**Burkina** 1960 Independence Day

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**6** Tuesday

**Bolivia** 1825 Independence Day

**United Arab Emirates** 1966 Accession Day of Shaikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nayhan, Emir of Abu Dhabi

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**7** Wednesday

**Ivory Coast** 1960 Independence Day

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**8**

**Thursday**

**Guatemala**

1983

Coup by Gen. Oscar Mejia Victores overthrows President Rios Montt

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**9**

**Friday**

**Northern Ireland**

1971

Internment without trial introduced

**Singapore**

1965

Independence Day (secession from Federation of Malaysia)

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**10**

**Saturday**

**Ecuador**

1809

Independence Day

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**11**

**Sunday**

**Chad**

1960

Independence Day

**Jordan**

1952

Accession Day for King Hussein

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**12****Monday****Northern Ireland**

1689

Protestant commemorative marches mark day apprentice boys locked gates of Derry against James II's forces

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**13****Tuesday****Central African Republic** 1960

Independence Day

**Cuba**

1927

Fidel Castro's birthday

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**14****Wednesday****Bahrain**

1971

Independence Day

**Pakistan**

1947

Independence Day

1977

Anniversary of Gen. Zia-ul-Haq's military takeover

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**15**

**Thursday**

<b>Bangladesh</b>	1975	Military coup and assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
<b>Burma</b>	1939	Burmese Communist Party established
<b>Congo</b>	1960	Independence Day (overthrow of Youlou regime)
<b>India</b>	1947	Independence Day
<b>North and South Korea</b>	1945	Liberation Day

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**Friday**

<b>Cyprus</b>	1960	Independence Day
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**Saturday**

<b>Gabon</b>	1960	Independence Day
<b>Indonesia</b>	1945	Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

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**19****Monday****Czechoslovakia** 1968 Invasion by Soviet and Warsaw Pact troops

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**20****Tuesday****Morocco** 1953 King's and People's Revolution  
**Senegal** 1960 Independence Day (withdrawal from Mali Federation)

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**21****Wednesday****Afghanistan** 1919 Independence Day  
**Philippines** 1983 Assassination of Benigno Aquino by government security forces

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Thursday

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Romania

1944

Liberation Day

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Sunday

France

1944

Liberation Day

Uruguay

1825

Independence Day

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September 1985**

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**26****Monday**

**Hong Kong** 1945      Liberation Day  
**Namibia** 1966      Namibia Day (South-West Africa came under UN control)

**27****Tuesday**

**Muslim world**      *Id al-Adha* (commemorates Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son)  
**Northern Ireland** 1979      Assassination of Earl Mountbatten by Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA)

**28****Wednesday**

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**29****Thursday****Czechoslovakia** 1944 Slovak nationalist uprising

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**30****Friday**

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**31****Saturday**

<b>Malaysia</b>	1957	Freedom Day; Malaysia Day (independence from United Kingdom)
<b>Poland</b>	1980	Solidarity trade union founded
<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b>	1962	Independence Day

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**1****Sunday**

<b>Central African Republic</b>	1981	Coup brings Kolingba regime to power
<b>Ethiopia</b>	1961	Eritreans begin armed struggle
<b>Libya</b>	1969	Coup overthrows monarchy
	1973	Oil companies nationalized
<b>Palestinians</b>	1970	During this month, the Jordanian Army drove the Palestinian guerrillas out of the country because they would not stop attacking Israel from Jordanian soil; in response, the largest group, Fatah, established the covert Black September Organization, best known for its attack on the Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics in Munich
<b>West Germany, Europe</b>	1939	Antwar Day (anniversary of Nazi invasion of Poland)

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**September 1985**

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## Monday

<b>South Africa</b>		<b>Settlers' Day</b>
<b>Vietnam</b>	<b>1945</b>	<b>Independence Day</b>

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**Tuesday**

<b>Belgium</b>	1944	Liberation Day
<b>Peru</b>	1982	Death of Sendero Luminoso leader Edith Lagos
<b>Qatar</b>	1971	Independence Day

4

## Wednesday

**Chile 1970 Election of President Salvador Allende**

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**5****Thursday**

<b>Senegal</b>	1960	Declaration of republic
<b>West Germany</b>	1972	Munich Olympics massacre: Black September Organization kills 11 Israelis; five Arab terrorists and a West German policeman also die

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**6****Friday**

<b>Palestinians</b>	1970	Beginning of four-day multiple airline hijacking by PFLP: US plane destroyed in Cairo; second US plane, Swissair DC-8, and British DC-8 all destroyed in Jordan; attempted hijacking of El Al plane
<b>Swaziland</b>	1973	Independence Day

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**7****Saturday**

<b>Brazil</b>	1822	Independence Day
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**8****Sunday**

<b>India</b>	1982	Death of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, the "Lion of Kashmir"
<b>Lithuanian SSR</b>	1918	National Day (beginning of independence from Russia during period between world wars)

**September 1985**

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**9****Monday**

**Bulgaria** 1944 Liberation Day  
**China** 1976 Death of Mao Zedong  
**North Korea** 1948 National Day

**10****Tuesday**

**Belize** 1798 National Day (Battle of St. George's Bay)  
**Guinea-Bissau** 1974 Republic Day (independence from Portugal)  
**Turkey** 1922 Founding of Turkish Communist Party

**11****Wednesday**

**Chile** 1973 Anniversary of coup overthrowing Allende by military junta led by Augusto Pinochet  
**Ethiopia** 1952 Return of Eritrea from Italian and British control under UN resolution  
**Philippines** Birthday of President Ferdinand Marcos

**12**

**Thursday**

**Ethiopia**

1974

Overthrow of Haile Selassie

**13**

**Friday**

**14**

**Saturday**

**Lebanon**

1982

Death of Phalangist leader and Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel

**15**

**Sunday**

**Muslim world**

*Hejira* (New Year)

**Costa Rica,  
El Salvador,  
Guatemala,  
Honduras,  
Nicaragua**

1821

Independence Day

**Jewish world**

*Rosh Hashanah* (New Year)

**Lebanon**

1982

Israeli invasion of Muslim West Beirut

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## September 1985

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**16**

**Monday**

**Mexico** 1810 Independence Day  
**Papua New Guinea** 1975 Independence Day

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**17**

**Tuesday**

**Lebanon** 1982 Massacre in Shatila and Sabra refugee camps (17 September Organization takes its name from this event)

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**18**

**Wednesday**

**Chile** 1810 Independence Day

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**19**

**Thursday**

**St. Christopher  
and Nevis**      1983      **Independence Day**

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**20**

**Friday**

**Lebanon**      1984      **Bombing of US Embassy annex**

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**21**

**Saturday**

**Belize**      1981      **Independence Day**  
**Malta**      1964      **Independence Day**  
**Philippines**      1972      **Martial law established**

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**22**

**Sunday**

**Iran, Iraq**      1980      **Outbreak of Iran-Iraq war**  
**Mali**      1960      **Independence Day (proclamation of republic)**

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**23****Monday**

New Zealand	1907	Dominion Day
Saudi Arabia	1932	Unification of the kingdom
	1964	National Day

**24****Tuesday**

Ghana	1979	Inauguration of Third Republic
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**25****Wednesday**

Egypt, Jordan	1984	Resumption of diplomatic relations
Jewish world		<i>Yom Kippur</i> (Day of Atonement)
Mozambique	1964	Revolution Day

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**26**

**Thursday**

North Yemen 1962 Proclamation of republic (anniversary of revolution)  
South Yemen National Day

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**27**

**Friday**

Spain Basque National Party (PNV) Day

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**28**

**Saturday**

Egypt 1970 Death of Jamal 'Abd al-Nasir

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**29**

**Sunday**

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**September-  
October 1985**

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**30****Monday**

**Botswana** 1966 Independence Day  
**Indonesia** 1965 Abortive Communist coup

**1****Tuesday**

**China** 1949 National Day (Communist victory over Nationalist forces)  
**Cyprus** 1960 Independence Day  
**Indonesia** Pancasila Day (celebrates five-point national ideology, which is opposed by conservative Muslims)  
**Nigeria** 1960 Independence Day  
1963 Republic Day  
**Spain** 1936 Generalissimo Franco assumes power  
1939 Caudillo Day  
1975 Four policemen killed in Madrid by First of October Antifascist Resistance Group (GRAPO)  
1976 GRAPO claims responsibility for a series of coordinated bombings

**2****Wednesday**

**Guinea** 1958 Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

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**3**

**Iraq** 1932 Independence Day

**Thursday**

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**4**

**Lesotho** 1966 Independence Day (day Moshoeshoe II took oath of office as king for life)

**Friday**

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**5**

**Portugal** 1910 Proclamation of republic

**Saturday**

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**6**

**Egypt** 1981 Armed Forces Day  
Assassination of President Anwar Sadat

**Israel, Arab world** 1973 Arab-Israeli war

**Shiite world** *Ashura* (commemorates assassination of Imam Hasan)

**Thailand** 1976 Military coup against civilian rule; police storm Thammasat University

**Sunday**

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**7****Monday**

**Botswana** 1966 Independence Day  
**East Germany** 1949 Republic Day  
**Libya** 1970 Fascist Evacuation Day (departure of last Italian settlers)

**8****Tuesday**

**Argentina** 1895 Birthday of Juan Peron  
**Cuba** 1967 Heroic Guerrilla Day (death of Che Guevara in Bolivia)

**9****Wednesday**

**Burma, North and South Korea** 1983 North Korean commandos detonate massive bomb in Rangoon in attempt to assassinate South Korean President, killing 19 South Korean and Burmese officials  
**Uganda** 1962 Independence Day

**10****Thursday**

<b>Bolivia</b>	1982	Siles government assumes power
<b>El Salvador</b>	1980	Founding of Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN)
<b>Taiwan</b>	1911	Anniversary of revolution that led to founding of Republic of China

**11****Friday**

<b>North Yemen</b>	1977	Assassination of President Col. Ibrahim Mohammed el Hamadi
<b>Panama</b>	1968	Revolution that brought Omar Torrijos to power
	1972	Constitution Day
<b>South Africa</b>		“International Day of Solidarity With South African Political Prisoners”
<b>Yugoslavia</b>	1943	Uprising Day (anniversary of founding of Macedonian Liberation Army; holiday in Socialist Republic of Macedonia)

**12****Saturday**

<b>Chile</b>	1965	Movement of Revolutionary Left (MIR) founded
<b>Equatorial Guinea</b>	1968	Independence Day
<b>United Kingdom</b>	1984	Bombing by Provisional IRA of Conservative Party conference in Brighton

**13****Sunday**

<b>Fiji</b>	1970	Independence Day
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**14****Monday**

<b>Madagascar</b>	1958	Proclamation of republic
<b>South Yemen</b>	1967	Independence Day
<b>Thailand</b>	1973	Overthrow of military dictatorship and return to civilian rule
<b>Zaire</b>	1930	Birthday of President Mobutu Sese Seko

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**15****Tuesday**

<b>Tunisia</b>	1962	Evacuation Day (final departure of French troops from Bizerte)
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**16****Wednesday**

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17

Thursday

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18

Friday

Greece	1981	Panhellenic Socialist Party (PASOK) wins elections
West Germany	1977	West German commandos storm PFLP-hijacked Lufthansa plane in Mogadishu, Somalia, freeing all hostages; imprisoned RAF terrorists Andreas Baader, Jan Karl Raspe, and Gudrun Ensslin subsequently commit suicide

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19

Saturday

Grenada	1983	Execution of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop by leftists seizing power
South Africa	1977	Crackdown on black-consciousness organizations

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Sunday

Guatemala	1944	Revolution overthrowing Ubico regime and leading to postwar period of reform
Mongolia	1921	Independence Day

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**21**

Somalia

1969

Anniversary of revolution that brought Siad Barre to power

**Monday**

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**22**

**Tuesday**

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**23**

Hungary

1956

Revolt against Soviet occupation

Lebanon

1983

Bombing by Islamic Jihad of US and French components of the Multinational Force—  
299 killed

**Wednesday**

**24**

**Thursday**

**Egypt** Popular Resistance Day; Suez Day  
**Zambia** 1964 Independence Day

**25**

**Friday**

**Grenada** 1983 US intervention

**26**

**Saturday**

**Austria** 1955 Revolution Day (departure of last post-World War II occupation forces)  
**Iran** Birthday of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi  
**Palestinians** 1974 Rabat summit conference decides PLO is sole representative of Palestinians

**27**

**Sunday**

**Czechoslovakia** 1918 Independence Day

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**October-  
November 1985**

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**28****Monday**

**Cyprus** Greek National Day (observed by Greek Cypriot community)  
**Spain** 1982 Socialist victory in general election

**29****Tuesday**

**Cyprus** Turkish Republic Day (observed by Turkish Cypriot community)  
**Middle East** 1956 Israel, France, and the United Kingdom capture Suez Canal  
**Turkey** 1923 Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

**30****Wednesday**

**31****Thursday**

India	1984	Assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by her Sikh bodyguards
Iran	1980	Reza Pahlavi declares himself Shah of Iran in exile
Turkey		In late October and November, terrorist activities by the leftwing group Dev Yol have been more numerous than in other months; attacks in 1982 and 1983 appear to have been made in protest of a referendum and an election during November of those years

**1****Friday**

Algeria	1981	Revolution Day
Antigua and Barbuda	1981	Independence Day

**2****Saturday**

Palestinians	1917	Balfour Day (anniversary of declaration committing Britain to set up Jewish homeland in Palestine)
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**3****Sunday**

Dominica	1978	Independence Day
Italy	1918	National Unity Day
Panama	1903	Independence Day
South Korea	1929	Students' Day (student protests against Japanese rule in Kwangju)

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**4****Monday**

**Ecuador** 1983 Founding of Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA)

**Iran** 1979 Seizure of US Embassy by student radicals

1963 Exile of Ayatollah Khomeini to Turkey

**5****Tuesday**

**United Kingdom** 1605 Guy Fawkes Day (Catholic plot to bomb Parliament thwarted)

**6****Wednesday**

**Morocco** 1979 Green March Day (anniversary of march by unarmed Moroccan citizens into Spanish Sahara)

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7

Thursday

Communist world      1917      Great October Socialist Revolution

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Friday

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9

Saturday

West Germany      1938      *Reichskristallnacht* (Crystal Night—outbreak of anti-Jewish violence)  
1974      Death of RAF terrorist Holger Meins from hunger strike

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10

Sunday

Turkey      1938      Death of Kemal Ataturk

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**11****Monday**

**Angola** 1975 Independence Day  
**Colombia** 1957 Declaration of war on central government by People's Liberation Army (EPL)  
**Mauritania** 1984 Coup that brought current regime to power  
**Zimbabwe** 1965 Independence Day

**12****Tuesday**

**Austria** 1918 Republic Day

**13****Wednesday**

**Syria** 1970 Hafiz al-Assad assumes power

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**14**

**Thursday**

**Jordan** 1935 King Hussein's birthday

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**15**

**Friday**

**Brazil** 1889 Proclamation of republic  
**Cyprus** 1983 Turkish Cypriot unilateral declaration of independence

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**16**

**Saturday**

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**17**

**Sunday**

**Greece** 1973 Student uprising at Athens Polytechnic University (terrorist group 17 November Movement takes its name from this incident)

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**18****Monday**

<b>Latvian SSR</b>		National Day
<b>Morocco</b>	1955	Independence Day
<b>Oman</b>	1940	Sultan Qaboos bin Said's birthday

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**19****Tuesday**

<b>Ireland</b>	1798	Death of Wolfe Tone, first Irish revolutionary (annual nationalist pilgrimage)
<b>Mali</b>	1968	Liberation Day

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**20****Wednesday**

<b>Colombia</b>	1983	Passage of amnesty law and legalization of 19th of April Movement (M-19)
<b>Mexico</b>	1910	Anniversary of revolution overthrowing Diaz regime
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	1979	Occupation of Grand Mosque in Mecca by conservative Muslims inspired by Iran
<b>Spain</b>	1936	Death of Jose Antonio Primo de Rivera (founder of Falange)
	1975	Death of Gen. Francisco Franco and accession of King Juan Carlos

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**21**

**Thursday**

<b>Grenada</b>	1973	Bloody Sunday (deaths of New Jewel Movement members)
<b>Libya</b>	1949	Proclamation Day (UN resolution on Libyan independence)

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**22**

**Friday**

<b>Lebanon</b>	1943	Independence Day
<b>Spain</b>	1975	Proclamation of Juan Carlos as King

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**23**

**Saturday**

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**24**

**Sunday**

<b>Kuwait</b>	1965	Amir Sabah al-Salim al-Sabah ascends throne
<b>Zaire</b>	1965	Revolution Day (Second Congolese Republic established)

**November–  
December 1985**

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**25****Monday**

**Greece** 1973 Coup leading to end of military rule  
**Muslim world** 571 Birth of Prophet Mohammad  
**Suriname** 1975 Independence Day

**26****Tuesday**

**Mongolia** 1924 Founding of republic  
**United States, Iraq** 1984 Renewal of diplomatic relations

**27****Wednesday**

**Philippines** Birthday of slain opposition leader Benigno Aquino

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**28****Thursday**

<b>Albania</b>	1912	Independence Day
	1944	Liberation Day
<b>Burundi</b>	1966	Proclamation of republic
<b>Chad</b>	1958	Proclamation of republic
<b>Indonesia</b>	1975	Fretiilin declares East Timor independent
<b>Lebanon</b>	1936	Founding of Phalange Party
<b>Mauritania</b>	1960	Independence Day
<b>Panama</b>	1821	Independence from Spain

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**29****Friday**

<b>Israel</b>	1947	Proclamation Day
<b>Palestinians</b>	1947	International Day of Solidarity With the Palestinian People (anniversary of partition)
<b>Yugoslavia</b>	1945	Republic Day

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**30****Saturday**

<b>Barbados</b>	1966	Independence Day
<b>Benin</b>	1975	National Day
<b>South Yemen</b>	1967	Independence Day
	1970	Constitution promulgated

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**1****Sunday**

<b>Iceland</b>	1918	Independence Day
<b>Portugal</b>	1640	Independence Day
<b>Thailand</b>	1942	Founding of Thai Communist Party
<b>Yugoslavia</b>	1918	First independent state constituted

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**2****Monday**

El Salvador 1980 Murder of four American nuns by government troops  
 Laos 1975 National Day (proclamation of republic)  
 United Arab Emirates 1971 Abu Dhabi National Day (federation of independent emirates took effect)

**3****Tuesday**

Peru 1934 Birthday of Sendero Luminoso leader Abimail Guzman

**4****Wednesday**

Spain 1892 Generalissimo Francisco Franco's birthday

**5**

**Thursday**

**Spain** 1982 Death of GRAPO leader Martin Luna

**6**

**Friday**

**7**

**Saturday**

**Burma** 1920 National Day (marks student uprising against British rule)  
**Ivory Coast** 1960 Independence Day

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**Sunday**

**Greece** 1974 Declaration of parliamentary republic  
**Suriname** 1982 Execution of 15 opposition leaders

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**9****Monday**

Tanzania                    1961                    Independence Day  
                               1962                    Republic Day

**10****Tuesday**

Angola                    1956                    Founding of Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA)  
 Middle East                1966                    Founding of Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)

**11****Wednesday**

Burkina                    1958                    Republic Day

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**12**

**Thursday**

<b>Europe</b>	1979	NATO decision to modernize nuclear forces by installing Pershing II and ground-launched cruise missiles
<b>Kenya</b>	1963	Independence Day
	1964	Republic Day
<b>Kuwait</b>	1983	Bombing of US Embassy and other facilities by members of Iraqi Dawa Party

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**13**

**Friday**

<b>Malta</b>	1974	Republic Day
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**14**

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**16****Monday**

**Bahrain** 1961 Accession of Shaykh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifah  
1971 Independence Day

**Bangladesh** 1971 Victory Day (de facto independence)  
1972 Republican constitution becomes effective

**South Africa** 1961 Founding of military arm of African National Congress (ANC), Umkonto we Sizwe

**17****Tuesday**

**Bhutan** 1907 National Day

**18****Wednesday**

**Niger** 1958 Republic Day

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19

Thursday

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Friday

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21

Saturday

Ireland	1948	Proclamation of republic
Nepal	1923	Independence Day
Palestinians	1967	Founding of Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)

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**23****Monday****Egypt****1956****Victory Day (withdrawal of foreign forces from Port Said and Suez)****24****Tuesday****Libya****1951****Independence Day****25****Wednesday****Afghanistan****1979****Beginning of occupation by Soviet troops****Christian world****Christmas****Pakistan****1876****Quaid-i-Azam's birthday**

**26**

**Thursday**

**China**

1893

Mao Zedong's birthday

**27**

**Friday**

**Indonesia**

1949

Transfer of sovereignty from Netherlands

**28**

**Saturday**

**Latin America**

Equivalent of US April Fools' Day—traditionally sees many hoaxes and bomb threats

**29**

**Sunday**

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**30**

Philippines

1896

Execution of national hero Jose Rizal

**Monday**

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**31**

Nigeria

1983

Coup overthrowing Shagari regime

Philippines

1968

Founding of Communist Party/Marxist-Leninist

**Tuesday**

**Confidential**